

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Assaf DEKEL  
Serial Number: 10/031,450  
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Art Unit: 3733  
Examiner: Davis, Daniel J.

Mail stop amendment  
Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
POB 1450  
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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

Further to an office action dated December 14, 2005, in the above referenced application, kindly amend the application as follows: